

**Minutes of a Meeting of Stoke Hammond Parish Council held on
Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Greg Noble (Chair), Cllr Alan Humphreys, Cllr Fran Sharkey, Cllr David Venn,
Joanna Simonds, Clerk & RFO, Unitary Cllr, Phil Gomm & 11 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Malcolm Newing and Cllr Stephen McNally

2. Co-option of Parish Councillor Vacancy

Two co-option applications were received for Cllrs consideration, with one candidate, Craig Champion, in attendance. Mr Champion addressed Cllrs in support of his application, and Cllrs proceeded to vote. Cllr Humphreys proposed Mr Champion, with Cllr Sharkey seconding. The remaining Cllrs voted unanimously in favour of co-opting Mr Champion to the Parish Council. Mr Champion signed a declaration of acceptance in the presence of the Clerk and joined the table with fellow Cllrs.

3. Declarations of interest

None

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2022

The draft minutes were agreed unanimously and approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Humphreys / Seconded: Cllr Sharkey

Cllr Venn abstained having not been present at last month's meeting; the remaining Cllrs Agreed unanimously to approve.

5. Finance

a) To agree the April payment run

STOKE HAMMOND PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN April 2022

Payee	Detail	Amount
Mrs J Simonds	Clerk salary for March and any related expenses	£846.00
Frontier Activities	Archery for Queens Jubilee	£240.00
John Wearmouth	Deposit for Ouzel Valley Ranters	£50.00
BMKALC	S106 & CIL Training for Cllr Newing	£45.00
Mr G Noble	SH/NLS News Expenses	£30.40
RTM Landscapes Ltd	Devolved services grass cutting (Invoice 3344)	£480.00
RTM Landscapes Ltd	Supply and planting of Jubilee Tree	£300.00
	Total	£1,991.40

Proposed: Cllr Humphreys
Seconded: Cllr Sharkey
Agreed unanimously

b) To agree the accounts to 28th February 2022 - Agreed unanimously

c) To agree to re-appoint W J Marshall as Internal Auditor to the Council

Proposed: Cllr Sharkey / Seconded: Cllr Venn / Agreed unanimously

6. Update from Unitary Councillor, Phil Gomm, as follows:

- Congratulations to Claire Critchlow, for having been awarded the Proud of Bucks "Highly Commended Best Adult contribution" within the Ward for her services to the community. Being present at the meeting, Cllr Gomm presented Claire with an award for which she deservedly received a round of applause.
- If any residents in the Parish are hosting Ukrainian refugees, BC are offering a great deal of help.
- The NLS school bus issue has been resolved and the 9 children that didn't have access to the service now do.
- Would like to re-iterate that I'd like to know anything to do with County issues, so residents should feel free to reach out directly and I will look into matters quickly for you.
- Whilst Tyrells Gardens does need a re-surface and is in the capital programme, pothole repairs have been marked out and will be carried out this week. Cllr Sharkey confirmed they'd been done today.

The Chairman asked whether there were any questions for Cllr Gomm:

- A MoP mentioned there has been a number of messages on the FB group regarding the High Ash bus route that could do with some clarification. Cllr Gomm asked to be looped in on the FB post so he can take a look and respond.
- A MoP mentioned the disintegrating bridge over the brook where the sleepers are rotting badly. Cllr Gomm said there is an issue with timber right now and only two in the team doing work for the whole of the North, however, he would pick this up with the Rights of Way team. **Action Cllr Gomm**
- A MoP asked whether there was any update on previous transport conversations regarding parking on Newton Road once the potential new nursery opens. The transport team concluded there was no risk and granted on a daily basis it might not look like a problem, however, once you put 45 children and parents into the mix it's just going to make that road very narrow and dangerous. Cllr Gomm understood the point being made here but was unable to comment further.

Clerk's Update

- The two Queens Jubilee benches are due to arrive w/c 18th April so Cllrs should give consideration as to where they want them installed. *The Chairman stated that the view of the Jubilee Committee was to place one bench under the tree on the Sports Field that was planted by Prince Philip.*
- The new village pump has been delivered and will be installed in the next few weeks.
- Will get roofing quotes to Cllrs in the next week or so for repair of the BS garage 1 roof.
- McDonalds have agreed to a no branding litter bin at the top of the concrete path so I'm now trying to co-ordinate this with Marcus but currently struggling to get hold of him, which also leads me on to the installation of the bin outside the shop. I've emailed three times now and left two voicemails but he's just not getting back to me which is strange, so I do hope everything is ok.
- The three VAS application forms in regards to our new solar speed signs were submitted to Buckinghamshire Council on 17th March and I have given Swarco the heads up that once we receive approval, an order will be placed for three solar signs.
- Winslow and Villages Community Board today announced their new Co-ordinator. Her name is Sophia Comer and I've already reached out to say hi and wish her all best wishes in her new role. The funding process for 22/23 will be open for applications in the coming weeks.
- The big pothole by the zebra crossing was repaired last week and our LAT has the pavement outside 22 Fenny Road high on his radar. He also marked out areas in Tyrells Gardens yesterday.
- I put a request in for the zebra crossing to have a new lick of paint and change of lights to LED. This is now with the Street Scene team for consideration.
- As requested at last month's meeting, I commissioned an inspection survey of the trees within the village. I believe this was carried out last week and am just awaiting RTM's report.
- I submitted a road closure application on 25th March for the Sunday of the Jubilee event. All being well, the obligatory 2-week notice should go up next week.
- My year end meeting with our Internal Auditor is scheduled for 9.30am on Bank Holiday Monday, following which I will finalise the AGAR documentation for sign off at the May meeting.

- 7. Planning:** To discuss planning applications and make recommendations on any planning applications received after this agenda is published, if urgent.

22/00780/APP – STOKE HAMMOND –Stoke Lodge, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BU

Following a helpful dialogue with the applicant, Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

Proposed: Cllr Noble / Seconded: Cllr Humphreys / Agreed unanimously

22/0917/APP – STOKE HAMMOND – 10 Harris Close, Bletchley MK3 5QH

Cllrs resolved to OPPOSE this application on the grounds of its overbearing size, out of character to the rest of the building and privacy concerns for neighbouring properties.

Proposed: Cllr Noble / Seconded: Cllr Venn

Cllr Champion abstained / remaining Cllrs agreed unanimously

21/04404/ADP – STOKE HAMMOND - Land to the East of Fenny Road

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS with this application

Proposed: Cllr Humphreys / Seconded: Cllr Venn / Agreed unanimously

8. To report on any Highways, Footpaths & Footways and Lighting matters

- A MoP mentioned that the drain on the green was missed in the recent round of clearing. The Chairman commented that sadly that was not the only drain missed. Cllr Gomm said he was disappointed they didn't all get cleared at the same time but the Team will be back out.
- The pavement near the shop, outside The Gables remains in a bad state. The Clerk confirmed she reported this on FixMyStreet on 26th Jan but it was then mentioned that the root cause is lorries parking on the pavement so Cllr Gomm said that issue would need to be resolved before BC would consider paying out to have the pavement repaired.
- Cllr Champion mentioned that when you drive in to Newton Leys where the Taylor Wimpey entrance is, by the show homes, that corner is not very wide and has quite a bend on it where busses have to go through, and people have been parking directly opposite on both sides of the cul-de-sac. Cllr Gomm confirmed that because the roads are not adopted, it is still down to the builder, but the police could do something here as it is illegal to park on a bend or within 30ft of a bend or junction.
- Outside the village shop on the grass verge, there are generally 3 vehicles parked there all the time, which not only results in a messy verge but often means the grass cannot be cut. The Chairman said the PC would try to address this matter.
- A MoP mentioned that as you are pulling out of the Green on to the main road, just on the left hand side of that exit, there is a Missing kerbstone and a raised utility cover. The Chairman suggested that a photo be taken and uploaded to FixMyStreet.
- A MoP asked what was happening with the Fenny Road layby as it is getting worse. Cllr Gomm confirmed it is in hand and that something is in the pipeline but he was unable to give a timeline.

9. To provide any updates on the Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

The consultant was unwell for the first planned steering group meeting and had to cancel; a new date has been scheduled for this coming Thursday 7th April by Zoom.

10. To report on any Parish Improvements and Enhancements

- To approve St Luke's request to hold a plant sale on The Green on Saturday 7th May
Proposed: Cllr Humphreys / Seconded: Cllr Champion
- To receive an update from Cllr McNally on the hydrology quotations received and to agree next steps
In Cllr McNally's absence, this item will be moved to next month's agenda. **Action Clerk**
- The Clerk confirmed that the new Red Maple Tree has been planted on The Green and the Chairman confirmed he would get it registered on the Queens tree canopy website. **Action Cllr Noble**

11. Community Centre - to report on any matters for the Council's attention

Nothing to report

12. 2022 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The 4-day schedule is being widely publicised via Facebook, the PC website, latest SH/NLS News and new posters.

13. To report on meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council

None

14. Public Participation Session

A MoP asked whether it would be possible to approach the waterways over the bridge by the layby. There's an entrance onto the towpath with some really uneven steps and what was once a track next to it has worn away and washed out and it's a real problem to get down there. Photos will be taken and emailed to the Clerk who will bring this to the Canal and River Trust's attention. **Action Clerk**

15. To agree the date of the next Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 3rd May 2022

Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution, welcomed Cllr Champion to the Parish Council and declared the meeting closed at 20:35.

Chair: Date: